GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3754
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2000
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients provided with financial assistance as on date under his discretionary funds during the last three years, and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the funds earmarked for this purpose during the said period year-wise;

(c) the number of applications received/cleared/rejected during the said period;

(d) the reasons for rejecting the applications;

(e) whether the sanctioned grants to the patients are also cancelled;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the early disposal of the remaining applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) A statement showing the state-wise breakup of number of cases of grants from Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant disbursed during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure.

(b) The funds earmarked during the said period, year-wise are as under:-

YEAR	FUNDS ALLOCATED
1997-98	Rs.47.00 lakhs
1998-99	Rs.50.00 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs.50.00 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs.50.00 lakhs

(c) The number of applications received/cleared/rejected during the said period are as under:-

YEAR	No. of Applications received	CLEARED	REJECTED

1997	1216	778	246
1998	1160	122	370
1999	1969	627	708
2000	237	16	68

(d) The reasons for rejecting the applications are as follows:-

(i) reimbursement of expenditure already incurred which is not admissible under Rules.

(ii) prolonged treatment involving recurring expenditure which is not admissible under rules;

(iii) case of common nature where treatment is not expensive;

(iv) T.B. cases for which free treatment is available under National T.B. Control Programme;

(v) Central as well as State Government employees are not eligible for grant under rules;

(vi) budgetary constraints.

(e) & (f) No, Sir. However, the sanctioned grant is not released to the hospital in the cases where the hospital certifies that there are no outstanding dues to be paid.

(g) Immediately on receipt of an incomplete request for financial assistance, the patient is asked to furnish the requisite information/documents.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE I TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3754 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18 APRIL, 2000

STATE-WISE BREAK-UP OF CASES OF GRANT FROM HEALTH MINISTER`S DISCRETIONARY GRANT DISBURSED I THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE CURRENT YEAR

STATE	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
ANDHRA PRADESH -	11	2	NIL	
ASSAM	3	2	2	NIL

BIHAR	62	64	57	NIL
CHANDIGARH	-	1	-	NIL
DELHI	37	23	24	NIL
GUJARAT	-	-	1	NIL
HARYANA	15	21	11	NIL
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	-	1	NIL
JAMMU & KASHMIR	2	3	1	NIL
KARNATAKA	1	-	8	NIL
KERALA	1	7	5	NIL
MADHYA PRADESH	13	7	4	NIL
MAHARASHTRA	-	8	3	NIL
MANIPUR	-	1	1	NIL
ORISSA	5	4	5	NIL
PUNJAB	7	1	-	NIL
RAJASTHAN	5	28	32	NIL
TAMIL NADU	2	9	28	NIL
TRIPURA	-	-	-	NIL
UTTAR PRADESH	86	50	43	NIL
WEST BENGAL	60	25	42	NIL
TOTAL:-	300	265	270	NIL